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The Embassy would like to note that since Kreisky's reference to the possibility of trading US missile bases in Turkey for similar Soviet installations in Cuba which was made in an election speech at the height of the Cuban crisis, there has been no further public discussion by Kreisky or any other Austrian official to such a deal.

Kreisky's proposal was reported at the time in Austrian newspapers but never provoked any editorial comment.

Kreisky's proposal did not disturb the general Austrian reaction, which was one of basic pleasure with United States actions in connection with the Russian bases in Cuba.

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